'Fraud' Says Ex-Garrison Co-Operator News 3/23/67

Clay Shaw to Stand Trial

NEW ORLEANS, March 23 (UPI) — Business Executive Clay L. Shaw, likely to be the first man tried on charges directly connected with President Kennedy's assassination, is expected to plead innocent next week when he is arraigned on assassination conspiracy charges.

The judge for that trial was expected to be named today in a drawing among the city's eight criminal district judges.

Mr. Shaw, the 54-year-old former director of the International Trade Mart here, was indicted yesterday by a 12-man grand jury as a result of the controversial investigation by DA Jim Garrison.

Mr. Shaw's attorney said last night his client would plead innocent to the indictment and would request a bill of particulars in the case.

Gordon Novel, a lounge operator who apparently once co-operated with Mr. Garrison in the investigation, yesterday called the assassination probe a fraud.

Mr. Novel, who was located by United Press International in Columbus, Ohio, after he had been unsuccessfully subpenaed by the New Orleans grand jury, said:

"At the request of Mr. Garrison's chief financial supporter, I helped him (Garrison) all along in this thing and I told him all along I don't believe what he has is real and I don't to this day."

In New Orleans yesterday attorney Dean Andrews, left, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment on a perjury charge handed down last week. He had told the Warren Commission he was asked to do legal work for Lee Harvey Oswald by a "Clay Bertrand," immediately after the assassination. —UPI Photo

"I don't believe his case and from the methods he's used I think he's a fraud,' Mr. Novel said. "What my friend, Mr. Garrison, is conducting is not a normal investigation but is a political, police state inquisition.

"His borrowed, 'Rush to Whitewash' theory of the assassination puzzle is being solved by his forced hammering, like an egotistical child, of the wrong people and pieces in the right place and visa versa."

"I'll go back to New Orleans when I'm positive what Mr. Garrison has planned for me," he said.

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The indictment delivered yesterday linked Mr. Shaw with Lee Harvey Oswald, the late David W. Ferrie "and others." They were accused of participating in a September or October 1963 conspiracy to plot the President's death. Mr. Kennedy was shot Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

A spokesman for Mr. Garrison's office said last night that "There's no way of knowing at this time" when Mr. Shaw will be brought to trial.

Mr. Shaw was registered in a New Orleans hospital all week but was scheduled to be released today or Friday. He had court permission to visit the Mississippi Gulf Coast this coming week-end, still under a $10,000 bond.